

REMARKS:

Applicants note that this amendment uses the new revised format for amendments set forth at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/revamdtprac.htm>.

This preliminary amendment corrects some informalities in the specification and drawings for this case and cancels claims that correspond to claims that were filed in parent application no. 09/642,061, which is still pending.

The drawings have been amended as follows:

Figure 1: Reference numeral 110 added, reference numeral 202 for “inode file” changed to 105, and reference numeral 115 for “other blocks” changed to 117.

Figure 2: Existing reference numeral 250 changed to 260; reference numerals 261, 262 and 263 added; existing reference numeral 241 changed to 250; reference numerals 251 and 252 added; reference numeral 241 added; distorted reference numeral located above the box for “SNAPSHOT #4” clarified as 220.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dane C. Butzer", written over a horizontal line.

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